CLAIMS

1. In combination with a housing of a module enclosing a plurality of elongated elements; the improvement residing in: preassembled means for establishing a sealed chamber within the module housing and holding the elongated elements therein in a bundled condition; and spacer means for maintaining the bundled elements in adjustably spaced relation to each other throughout within the sealed chamber.

2. The combination as defined in claim 1, wherein a contaminate laden fluid is conducted through the housing to undergo cleansing; and drain means on the housing for discharging a cleansed portion of the contaminate laden fluid from the sealed chamber in response to processing by the elongated elements.

3. The combination as defined in claim 2, wherein said preassembled means includes: a pair of axially spaced seal rings in radially outer sealing contact with the module housing; and holding means retained within said seal rings for anchoring therein opposite end portions of the processing elements in the bundled condition.

4. The combination as defined in claim 3, wherein said preassembled means is assembled with the processing elements adjustably positioned therein before bundling within bodies of epoxy resin subsequently cured under clamping pressure to form said holding means retained within the seal rings before assembly within the module housing.

5. The combination as defined in claim 4, wherein said contaminate laden fluid is oily bilgewater and the processing elements are filter membranes.

6. The combination as defined in claim 1, wherein said preassembled means is assembled with the elongated elements adjustably positioned therein before bundling within bodies of epoxy resin subsequently cured under clamping pressure to form said holding means before assembly within the module housing.

7. The combination as defined in claim 2, wherein said contaminate laden fluid is oily bilgewater and the elongated elements are filter membranes.